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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALDRETE CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF OFFICER MATTIOLI, VOWS TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION WHILE ALSO ENSURING IT IS DONE FULLY & FAIRLY

Milwaukee, WI (May 28, 2020) – The Executive Director of the Fire & Police Commission (FPC), who provides operational leadership, guidance, and coordination as the chief administrator for the Board of Commissioners, affirmed that the subsequent Internal Affairs Division (IAD) investigation of Officer Mattioli that was taken over by her office is underway, and with haste.

Yesterday, at a special FPC meeting, Executive Director Aldrete stated, "We do not have a set timeline at this point. We just received the documents from MPD last week. Today we got the actual complaint signed. It would be my goal to expedite this as properly as we can – but ensuring that due process and the right protocols were followed as well."

Today, after the Committee meeting, Executive Director Aldrete stated, "The investigation into the death of Joel Acevedo, and the related actions of Officer Mattioli will be conducted by my office. The community is demanding transparency and trust in the process, and I am committed to making sure this happens. I recognize that this may seem to some as an unprecedented action; however, this is well within the authority of the Board and my office."

Aldrete additionally stated, "Some have tried to paint a narrative that the FPC has no experience in this process or that this is in some way showing we do not support police officers. That is incorrect on both accounts; this is about truth and taking action – which is long overdue in a city that has endured broken community/police relations."

Executive Director Aldrete also released a visual chart to assist residents in understanding the complaint intake and investigation process.

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